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The Religion of the Future.

In an article in the December At-
lantic, Rev. T. T. Munger discusses
under the head, "The Church: Some
Immediate Questions," some of the
manifest tendencies of present-day re-
ligious thought.As to the creed of the future Dr.
Munger thinks there will be a recon-
sideration of the cherished ideas of
scriptural inspiration, but he feels
sure, nevertheless, that "the creed of
life, if we may so term it, will be de-
finite, searching, severe in its penalties
and as relentless as they are in life
itself, urgent both on the restrictions
and the possibilities of life, and never
forgetful of those inspirations that al-
ways come when the full meaning and
import of life are revealed. Its sacri-
fice will be more real than that of a
vicarious obligation for it will be of self
and on the cross of obedience to truth
and duty. There will be no original
sin to confuse the mind, but enough of
one's own to be kept down and turned
to moral uses. Its heaven will not be
so clear and golden as that of old, but
will take on such color and form as
overcoming life may give it, and be-
come as real and present as life itself.
The confusion of today will not be
ended by blowing it away into a thin
mist, nor by explosions of criticism,
but only by clear vision now opened
by real life in a real world."The age of new churches and dog-
mas has passed, in the judgment of
Rev. Munger, and the new era of di-
vision and separation seems to be
drawing to an end. It is doubtful if we
are soon to see another denunciation of
any importance that can be called
Christian. There is great activity in
the theological world, but it does not
move in the direction of creedal or-
ganization. There is no less theology
—for theology will never go out of
fashion—but it looks toward explana-
tion if not extinction of creeds already
existing, and to other changes that
drop out or reinterpret old meanings
and bring in new. Careful distinctions
and definitions that determine the ex-
act amount of freedom or necessity in
the will are disregarded, because
Christian faith is not now approached
on that side of our nature. Emphasis
is transferred from the field of specu-
lation where chiefly the denominations
originated, to the field of action, to
psychology and human society. The
pressure of the past is less felt, or is
felt as reverence rather than as au-
thority. The fact of change—whatever
its cause—can no longer be resisted,
and the chief question that burdens
thoughtful minds in the church is: at
what speed and by what road will it
move into the region where it must
go; also, what shall be left behind and
what carried forward? The main
question of all is: how to retain steady-
ness of mind in the confusion and rush
that fill the air. Serious minds trem-
ble before the changes that are com-
ing thundering down upon them.All that Mr. Munger says, however,
is not inconsistent with the hopeful
view expressed only a few days ago by
Dr. Robert F. Y. Pierce, pastor of the
Baptist church at Scranton, Pennsylv-
ania, namely:"Jesus Christ is triumphing. There
was never so much genuine Christian-
ity as now. In the commercial world
many of the greatest business men are
Christian men. In military life the
most distinguished generals are Chris-
tian men. The music which lives
breathes the spirit of the Divine Mas-
ter. The greatest literary productions
tell the story of the Nazarene."Summed up, perhaps the tendencies
of today are best described by the
statement that while there is less and
less veneration for dogmas there is
more and more genuine faith in a life
hereafter, more and more faith in the
Supreme Being, and a better apprecia-
tion of the teachings of Jesus.

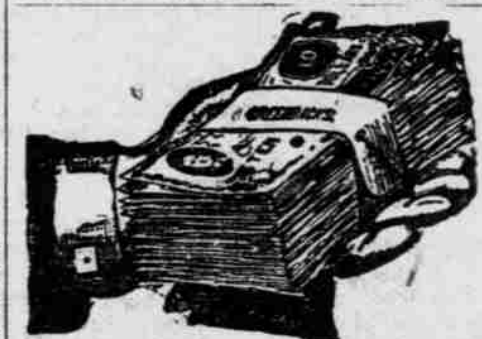
The Submarines and Boatswain Deery.

The disaster which befell the sub-
marine torpedo boats Moccasin and
Adder in the gale off the Virginia
capes, Wednesday, had two good fea-
tures—it proved in a new and unex-
pected way the merits of these craft,
and it demonstrated once
more the heroism which animates
the personnel of the American
navy. The whole incident is one in
which the country will take pride.The Moccasin and Adder possess a
seaworthiness that marks them as un-
ique. The naval tug Peoria was towing
the Adder and Moccasin toward the
Norfolk navy yard, when one of the
worst storms of the season overtookthe boats while they were at sea. The
severity of the strain broke the hawser
by which the submarines were con-
nected with the tug, and the little div-
ers were at once adrift in the storm.
As the dispatches in yesterday's Re-
publican described the situation,
"mountainous seas were crashing over
the Peoria and burying the drifting
submarine boats beneath tons of wa-
ter." Lieutenant English, finding the
seas running so high that the hawser
of the tug could not be attached again
to the Adder, battled with the waves
all day Wednesday to save the drift-
ing boats from destruction. The haw-
ser between them still held, and the
problem was to prevent them bumping
together and being crushed. Finally the
lines between the submarines snapped,
and the Adder was recovered through
the extraordinary bravery of Boat-
swain Deery, while the Moccasin was
cast upon the beach.It is obvious that any other boats
than the submarines could not have
lived through the storm under the
same conditions. Any other war vessel,
left to itself, would have been beaten
down by the waves and carried to the
bottom. The submarines refused to
sink, however, and will soon be ready
for duty again.The sturdy determination of Lieu-
tenant English to save his charges if
possible is deserving of the highest
commendation. A more faint-hearted
officer would have given up the task
as hopeless and would have sought
safety for his own vessel. And Boat-
swain Deery has added another bright
chapter to the annals of heroism in our
navy. Responding to a call for volun-
teers, he sprang into the angry sea and
swam 400 yards to the Adder. But this
feat, in which apparently there was
no chance for him to live, was hard-
ly less hazardous than the work he
performed after he reached the Adder.
Having reached the deck of the lit-
tle boat, he hauled a hawser aboard
by means of a lifeline, and once more
put the Adder in tow of the Peoria.
While he was adjusting the hawser he
had to fight for his life, for "at this
time the Adder was being tossed
about like a cork one minute and driv-
en far beneath the surface the next,
reeling and wallowing in such a man-
ner as to make it impossible to retain
a position upon her scanty decking."
No wonder the officials at the Nor-
folk navy yard announced that Boat-
swain Deery would be commended at
once to the president for bravery.
Deery has earned a commission.

The Dowle Craze.

Whether Dowle is or is not finan-
cially able to pay his debts incurred
in building "Zion"—the Chicago sub-
urb into which thousands of poor
people have poured all their savings
—the essential fact is that one of the
greatest humbugs of modern times has
been exposed and overthrown. That
Dowle has been able to exercise such
complete control over a multitude of
people for so long a time would be
astounding were it not remembered
that monumental assurance and per-
sistent energy will always accomplish
wonders, even in behalf of the
veriest charlatan. That Dowle has been
able to convince vast numbers of peo-
ple that he is Elijah reincarnated
merely emphasizes the ease with
which the masses are humbugged. The
intelligent public had little opportu-
nity to pass critical judgment upon the
man until he emerged from the semi-
seclusion and theatrical trappings with
which he had surrounded himself in
Chicago and stood in the searching
light of publicity in New York. Then
it required only the intelligence com-
mon to the general public to see what
a cheap, tawdry vulgar fake he was.
There was wonder that he had been
able to fool any considerable number
of people for any length of time. The
whole puzzle is explained in the fa-
miliar fact that there is an element
in this country which is so shallow in-
tellectually, so adde-pated, when re-
ligious questions are involved that it
accepts with enthusiasm any ridicu-
lous belief that is vigorously promul-
gated.

American Influence in Mexico.

The rapidly with which American
capital is going into Mexico is not
lost upon the Mexican people of the
educated class. It is fully realized by
them that this "American invasion"
will have a transforming influence on
Mexican ideals and habits, and leading
citizens of the republic are discussing
the subject in all its phases. As a
rule, however, if we except one or two
of the newspapers of prominence, it
is in no hostile spirit that Mexicans
are casting about to discover plans
and methods for best meeting the
American spirit that is rapidly begin-
ning to dominate the republic.
Thoughtful men of the country, includ-
ing President Diaz and his counselors,
fully appreciate the importance of tak-
ing advantage of the American meth-
ods and emulating American enterprise
in the development of the wonderful
latent resources of the country, and
they are openly urging the transform-
ing of the Mexicans into Anglo-Saxons.
M. Chauve, one of the leading educa-
tors of Mexico, has just published a
book entitled "The National Neces-
sity," in which he discusses the pros-
pect before Mexicans in face of the in-
vasion of American money, American
manners, American language, and
American enterprise into the land of
the Aztecs. In one of the opening
chapters of the book M. Chauve says:
"It is an undeniable fact that in the
past ten years the influx of Americans
into Mexico has been in greater pro-
portion than in all past time. And this
influx is going on increasing with greatrapidity. From Chihuahua to Chiapas
and from the Gulf of Mexico to the
Pacific, American capital is being used
daily for the acquisition of lands,
mines and mining property, railways,
and industries of all kinds which tend
to make the owners masters of the soil,
powerful merchants, and great growing
factors in all parts of our country.
From day to day the Yankee is pen-
etrating every hole and corner of the
republic. His language is heard all
over the land. If we grant (which we
must) his great wealth, his individual
energies, and his genius for expansion,
where, then, is this formidable in-
vasion to stop? What will be the result
to us Mexicans, owing to our inferior-
ity, numerically, ethnically, intellec-
tually and economically? What cir-
cumstances and accidents have
brought about a situation which
threatens to overwhelm us?"It is certain that Mexico is destined
to play an important part in the trade
and commercial relations of the United
States. The country is preparing to
adopt the gold standard of currency,
and thus rid herself of the fluctuating
exchange rate, which has been a con-
stant check upon her trade develop-
ment with outside countries. In spite
of this and other drawbacks, the in-
ternal development of the republic has
been markedly rapid in the last twenty
years. When Diaz was elected presi-
dent of the republic in 1884, Mexico had
2,000 miles of railway and 8,000 miles of
telegraph lines. He has been some-
thing of an Americanizer himself, as it
were, and under his encouragement in-
ternal development and investment has
been carried on, until today Mexico
has more than 10,000 miles of railways
and over 45,000 miles of telegraph lines.
She has a population of 15,000,000, nearly
three times that of Canada, and is in-
creasing her output of all kinds of
Nature made Mexico one of the richest
spots on the globe, and her develop-
ment, which has been centuries in
getting a fair start, now promises to
be most rapid. American enterprise
will reap its share of this harvest, and
the Mexicans are awakening to a real-
ization of the necessity of becoming
Americanized, in order to share in the
realization of the untold wealth of
their country.Five hundred million dollars in gold
is the amount in round figures of
American capital which our state de-
partment estimates is now invested in
Mexico, and the flow of our money in
that direction has just begun. Twenty-
five years ago there was but little
community of interest between the two
great North American republics, but
since that date the interchange of trade
and the friendly relationship have
steadily advanced and at present there
are such excellent prospects for further
development that Mexico might be
looked upon as a colony of explorers,
speculators and capitalists of the United
States.Today there are 1,111 American com-
panies, firms and individual capitalists
resident in Mexico. They are the heads
of the biggest business concerns and
enterprises in that country. They are
building the railroads, opening the
mines, cutting down the forests, run-
ning the larger plantations and
ranches, operating factories and
foundries, and are the owners or
builders of electric light and power
plants, telephone and telegraph sys-
tems, water works and various munici-
pal improvements. Commercial trav-
elers of American industrial concerns
cover Mexico like they do the states
and territories of the union, and as a
result they have distanced their
European rivals.The officials of the Mexican govern-
ment seem to think that the future
success of their country depends upon
the continuance and increase of com-
merce and friendly relations with the
United States. With the direct object
of encouraging American immigration
and the investment of American capi-
tal they have passed laws conferring
special privileges upon foreigners, and
they also have issued a decree requir-
ing that the English language be
taught in all preparatory schools.The crank who expected Speaker
Connon to appoint a member of the
minority to a committee chairman-

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ship has learned something of the
principles upon which the legislative
machine is operated in congress.Evidently, some of the correspond-
ents at Washington were surprised,
Friday night, to learn that Senator
Hanna did not carry a meat-ax with
him for defensive purposes when he
called on Mr. Roosevelt.Nevertheless, and notwithstanding
journalistic hysterics and epilepsy,
the taxpayers of Phoenix will not be
diverted from a cold-blooded analy-
sis of the water-bond proposition.The Evening Bladder seems to have
changed its opinion of M. H. Sherman
since his refusal a few weeks ago to
become "financially interested" in the
aforesaid Evening Bladder.

Little James

(Concerning the Deliberations of the
Wood Investigating Committee.)
Some of the Senators thinks "at Gen-
eral Lennard Wood's Military Achiev-
ments has been too abrupt for the
good of the service an" "at he ought to be
held back some. That's what they're
drivin' along his investigation for,
so's to give him a chance to get a
more mature military Reckard. They
say 'at they ain't very much to investi-
gate, 'at they couldn't close it all up in
a week, but they wouldn't be time enuff
to make Gen'le Wood's career as ripe
an' Moller as it ought to be.At the rate the investigation has
been agin', by the time the Senators pith
through with Brigadier General Wood
an' gits ready to make a major General
out of him, he'll be old enuff to retire
an' rest on his well-earned Military On-
ors.The Senators say 'at this is the way
at very precipitate Military geniuses has
to be delt with in order to keep 'em
from risin' to the top too Meteoric to
see the officers 'at's been ploddin'
along since the 'sixties an' finds them-
selves side tracked by the later day Her-
os.The Senators says 'at they ain't no
doubt 'at they is golt' to confirm th'
Nommynashun of General Wood ulti-
mately. But they says 'at they ain't
no need for any great rush about it.
Th' sent sez 'at it's its way of doin'
business to avoid makin' mistakes by
bein' Rash an' besides General Wood
is young enuff to wait a few years
while th' investigation is makin' head-
way. His Rises an' Promoshuns, they
say, has been so swift for the last few
years 'at he's Ready in need of some
rest. They says 'at he's never been left
in possession of any wun Onner long
enuff for him to get ust to it an' settle
down an' enjoy himself with it. First
he was a surgin an' then he was jump'd
up to be a Kurnel an' before he had
time to get ust to his new Uniform, he
was pushed along till he was a brig-
adier. Now, they sez he ought to be left
undisturbed in that rank so's 'at he can
get some Satisfackshun out of it.

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